

Prisoners Offer Cost Effective Solutions

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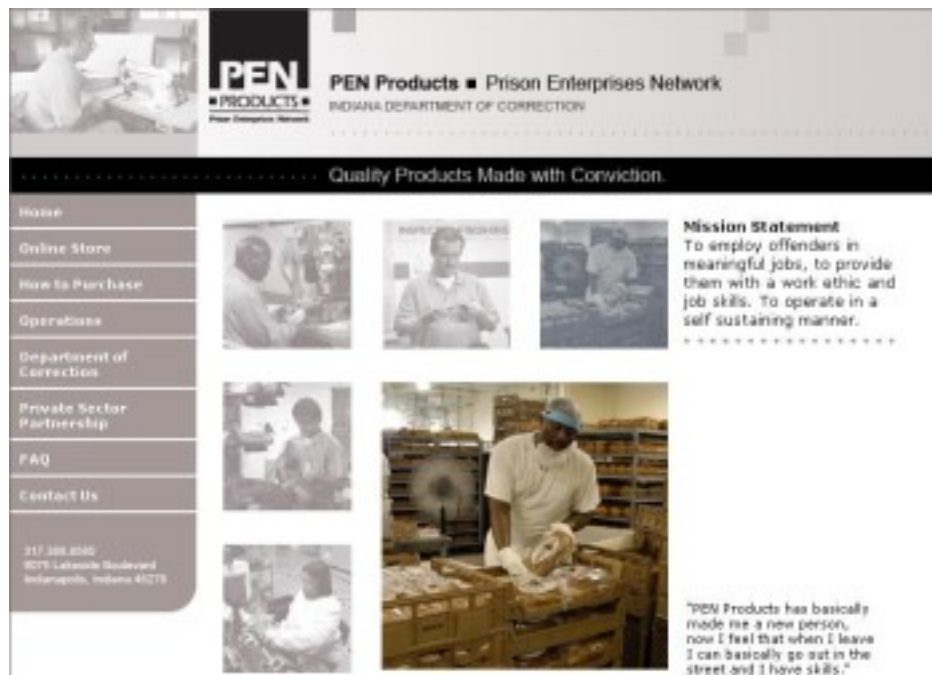
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Indianapolis, Indiana - (April 4, 2006) - The Indiana Department of Correction PEN Products division announced its new website today. The site, www.penproducts.com will serve as an e-commerce resource for Indiana businesses investing in quality offender-made goods.

“The new site has an easy procurement process for both state agencies and private companies,” said Commissioner J. David Donahue. “We want to be easy to do business with and provide consumers in Indiana with excellent products.”

State agencies are provided with the necessary procurement numbers for entering their orders into the

state procurement system.

“Ordering products using our new site is easy with the convenient shopping cart and credit card payment,” said Mike Herron, Director of PEN Products. “We are expecting to grow our sales this year which will, of course increase offender employment.”

On-the-job training for offenders includes direct instruction in job-related skills and an emphasis on task orientation, regular attendance, and quality control. This background gives offenders a good foundation for their PEN Products jobs and prepares them for better chances of success upon release. Last year, PEN Products employed 1,169 offenders.

“The next time you are considering selecting office furniture, picnic tables, food products, chemical or large print jobs for your business solutions, choose PEN Products. The offenders need opportunities and you are guaranteed competitive pricing,” added Donahue.

About PEN Products

PEN Products, a division of the Indiana Department of Correction, uses offender labor to provide goods and services to both the private and public sector of Indiana. The PEN Products home page can be accessed by visiting www.penproducts.com or for information call 1-800-PEN-2550.

About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.